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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REFS: A) SEOUL 6595; B) USIS 21400

1. CHARGE HELD DISCUSSION WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER EVENING  
OF AUGUST 10 CONCERNING VIETNAM REGUGEES. DURING CONVERSA-

TION, CHARGE POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF ROKG TAKING AN OPEN  
AND POSITIVE APPROACH TO REFUGEES. IN RESPONSE  
TO QUESTION WHETHER ROKG WOULD ADMIT PERMANENTLY ANY REFUGEES  
THAT WISHED TO APPLY FOR SUCH ENTRY, YUN INDICATED THAT  
OF COURSE THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTED, POINTING OUT THAT  
APPROXIMATELY 200 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAD BEEN RESETTLED  
IN ROK AFTER FALL OF VIETNAM. POLCOUNS FOLLOWED UP THIS  
COVERSATION TODAY WITH MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR  
PAK SANG-TONG. HE REVIEWED WITH MR. PAK CURRENT U.S.  
EFFORTS TO ADMIT ADDITIONAL REGUGEES AND OUR CONCERN THAT  
OTHER COUNTRIES BE EQUALLY FORTHCOMING. HE PRESENTED  
WIRETESS FILE MATERIAL AS BACKUP ON CURRENT U.S. EFFORTS.

2. MR. PAK NOTED THAT KOREA BELIEVED THESE CASES MUST  
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BE DEALTH WITH IN HUMANITARIAN MANNER. HE CONFIRMED RE-  
SETTLEMENT FIGURE OF APPROXIMUTELY 200 AND THEN NOTED  
THAT BOAT CASES CURRENTLY IN KOREA HAVE ALL EXPRESSED  
DESIRE TO SETTLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, MAINLY THE U.S.  
HE SAID THAT IF REFUGEES WISHED TO SETTLE IN KOREA, THE  
KOREAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE SYMPATHETIC BUT THEIR BASIC  
POSITION WAS THAT REFUGEES OWN DESIRE ON RESETTLEMENT

SHOULD BE ACCOMMODATED. HE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT  
MOST REFUGEES APPEARED ANXIOUS TO SETTLE IN COUNTRIES  
ALREADY HAVING SOME VIETNAMESE POPULATION. POLCOUNS AGAIN  
STRESSED U.S. SERIOUS CONCERN OVER REFUGEE MATTERS AND  
APPRECIATION FOR HUMANITARIAN APPROACH ADOPTED BY ROKG.  
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